

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A TRIBUTE TO BISHOP AND MRS. COUSIN OF THE BRIDGE STREET A.M.E. CHURCH AS THEY HOST THE 174TH NEW YORK CONFERENCE OF THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

HON. CHARLES E. SCHUMER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 14, 1996*

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Philip Robert Cousin, Sr., the 96th Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal denomination as he joins over 100,000 congregants from throughout New York State and the Nation to celebrate their religious and cultural heritage, while also attending worship and legislative sessions. Founded in 1787, the African Methodist Episcopal church is the oldest of its kind in the United States and has grown up to 7,000 churches nationwide. Bishop Cousin has worked tirelessly to mobilize African-American communities throughout the United States with his spiritual strength and courageous leadership. The people of Brooklyn and New York have benefitted a great deal from Bishop Cousin and the Bridge Street A.M.E. church as he hosts another spiritually enlightening conference.

I would also like to honor Mrs. Margaret Joan Cousin for her work in expanding AIDS education and awareness within the African-American community in the United States. As a dedicated leader and educator, Mrs. Cousin was responsible for developing the national standard for a curriculum in African-American culture, education and history—a model that has been adopted by academic institutions nationwide. Her work as a teacher in North Carolina has earned her the esteemed honor of Teacher of the Year, and was awarded Supervisor of Quadrennium by the Women's Missionary Society from 1987 to 1991. Mrs. Cousin has brought boundless energy and vision to the Eleventh and First Episcopal Districts of the African Methodist Episcopal Church with her focus on AIDS education.

It pleases me greatly to participate in this historic conference. I wish all the friends, families, ministers, community leaders and supporters of the Bridge Street African Methodist Episcopal Church abundant success in organizing the New York annual conference.

KATHRYN SOSINSKI, LEGRAND SMITH SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 14, 1996*

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, let it be known, that it is with great respect for the outstanding record of excellence she has compiled in academics, leadership and community service, that I am proud to salute Kathryn

Sosinski, winner of the 1996 LeGrand Smith Scholarship. This award is made to young adults who have demonstrated that they are truly committed to playing important roles in our Nation's future.

As a winner of the LeGrand Smith Scholarship, Kathryn is being honored for demonstrating that same generosity of spirit, intelligence, responsible citizenship, and capacity for human service that distinguished the late LeGrand Smith of Somerset, MI.

Kathryn Sosinski is an exceptional student at Bronson High School and possesses an impressive high school record. Kathryn's involvement in student government and school activities began her freshman year and continued through her senior year as the class president. She is a member of the National Honor Society and the Varsity Club. Kathryn was a member of the homecoming court and attended Girl's State. Outside of school, Kathryn has spent much of her time volunteering for several local organizations.

In special tribute, therefore, I am proud to join with her many admirers in extending my highest praise and congratulations to Kathryn Sosinski for her selection as a winner of a LeGrand Smith Scholarship. This honor is also a testament to the parents, teachers, and others whose personal interest, strong support, and active participation contributed to her success. To this remarkable young woman, I extend my most heartfelt good wishes for all her future endeavors.

NATIONAL COALITION OF TITLE I/CHAPTER 1 PARENTS—REGION II  
22d ANNUAL IN-SERVICE PARENT  
TRAINING CONFERENCE

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 14, 1996*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, May 31, 1996, at the Sheraton Hotel in Eatontown, NJ, the National Coalition of Title I/Chapter 1 Parents—Region II will hold its 22d Annual In-Service Parent Training Conference.

It is with great honor that I pay tribute to the National Coalition of Title I/Chapter 1 Parents and proclaim this day as "Title I Day". Title I is the largest federally funded elementary and secondary education program. Evolving from President Lyndon Johnson's Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, Title I has provided academic assistance to economically and educationally disadvantaged children. In a time when spending cuts for educational programs are threatening the futures of our children, I have stood up to defend and maintain the educational system in this country. It is a welcome relief to see the fine work that this organization is responsible for and to know that parents everywhere are receiving the necessary assistance for improving the quality of their children's education.

Mr. Speaker, this 22d annual conference is an important event and one that should re-

mind us all of the importance of a sound educational system and the future of our children that we hold in our hands.

TEN YEARS OF SERVICE BY THE  
INTERFAITH SHELTER NETWORK

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 14, 1996*

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate 10 years of dedicated service by 10,000 volunteers of the Interfaith Shelter Network in San Diego County, CA.

Ten years ago, the Network began as an idea in the minds of several people who were trying to resolve some problems of the homeless in the region. In 1985, the Network was formed as a joint effort between San Diego County community, civic, and religious leaders—and it started on a small scale, with approximately a dozen congregations.

The Network offers 8 to 10 weeks of shelter for each participating guest who is referred by a social service agency. Congregations provide sleeping accommodations and meals as the guests work on transitional plans with their social service agencies to get back into their own housing. Participating congregations have developed a family-style environment where the volunteers become an important extended family for their guests.

Responding to the need with rapid growth, the Interfaith Shelter Network now includes more than 130 Christian, Jewish, and Baha'i congregations in seven regions of San Diego County. More than 4,100 people have been provided with over 81,000 nights of shelter—and more than half of the 4,100 guests have left the Network's shelters for their own housing. When the program started, many of the people served were single men. Two years ago, families became the largest group served, as they also became the fastest growing segment of the homeless population.

The Network, administered by the Ecumenical Council of San Diego County under the supervision of Executive Director Glenn Allison, began its second program in 1990—the Transitional Housing Program. To date, this new program has assisted more than 25 families, including 110 people, with education and counseling.

The 10th anniversary of the Interfaith Shelter Network will be commemorated with an anniversary service and Thank-You Picnic this coming Sunday, May 19. On this joyous occasion, I commend the Ecumenical Council, the city and county of San Diego, and the many private donors who, with their donations and other means of support, have made the idea of the Network a reality.

I commend the guests of this program who have enriched the lives of their host congregations and those who, with determination, have left the ranks of the homeless.

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